

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
STORMWATER UTILITY COMMISSION**

May 5, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Kathy Warzynski, Doug Klenke, Ron Knapmiller, Bryan Nindorf, Jared Noffke, Jeff Osgood and Heidi Stein
OTHERS PRESENT	Bryon Stein; Town Supervisors Ben Filter and Jeff Hertzke, Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warzynski called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. Notices were properly posted. She welcomed all members to the newly formed Stormwater Utility Commission.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: none given.

INTRODUCTION & UPDATE

Warzynski noted that the Town Board established the Stormwater Utility Commission by resolution and that the upcoming duties of the Commission were to recommend an ordinance and establish a utility budget. She expressed concerns with the process for establishing the special charge.

Warzynski reviewed information provided in the members' packet that outlines the two options for a special charge: (1) adjust the levy removing stormwater expenses from the 2013 budget (which were not delineated at the time) or (2) by referendum. Discussion followed concerning ERUs, the concept of "services rendered" and administrative work.

DRAFT ORDINANCE

Warzynski outlined the draft ordinance and pointed out concerns with section 3.0. She noted the credit policy and appeal process would be extremely prejudicial. Discussion followed concerning the appeal process and credits.

Bryon Stein, N8315 County Road V, asked if the charges for the Town of Onalaska were measured based on hard surfaces and if that was their appeal criteria. Osgood noted that Holland's charges would be a flat fee for residential/non-developed land. Discussion followed concerning the appeal process for commercial properties. Osgood noted there are only seven commercial properties that would be paying over \$40 for the special charge and suggested adding language that would allow for future credits. The Clerk was directed to check with the Town attorney on the appeal procedure.

DRAFT BUDGET

Members reviewed the draft budget. Warzynski suggested the commission needs a good accounting of culverts and retention ponds in order to establish a budget. Osgood added that cleaning out culvert bottoms and ditches would be a part of the maintenance plan. Discussion followed concerning how the extra work would impact the current Town crew. Knapmiller asked whether the watershed issues would be factored in with the Town or if that would be more towards the DNR. Noffke asked what would be the homeowner's responsibility should they change the ditches or ponds on their property. Discussion followed concerning responsibility and enforcement of residential landscaping violations. The Clerk was directed to check with La Crosse County Erosion Control Department on possible processes.

Warzynski thanked the members for their input and noted this was a good introduction to their duties and much work is yet to be completed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Culvert identification, Town crew input on possible time expended on this, Town attorney input concerning appeal process and special charges, County Erosion Control input, budget and ordinance input.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Klenke/Osgood to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Pedretti
Town Clerk